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QUARANTINE REGULATIONS

PRESCRIBED BY THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MOBILE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

CITY OF MOBILE,
Mobile, Ala., April 28th, 1891.

By authority vested in me by the General Council of the City of Mobile, and upon the recommendation of the Board of Health, I, JOSEPH C. RICH, Mayor of said city, do hereby declare that from and after the FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1891, and until the FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1891, unless sooner revoked, a rigid quarantine shall be enforced as follows:

First—Against vessels with their ballast, crews, passengers, baggage and freight coming from ports regarded as infected.

Second—Against vessels together with their ballast, crews, passengers, baggage and freight coming from ports regarded as suspected.

Third—Against vessels and their contents which are infected or with a history of infection during the present year.

Ports now regarded as infected are Rio de Janeiro, Para, Santos, Havana and Vera Cruz, and vessels arriving from ports hereafter becoming infected will be treated in the same manner as those from ports named.

Ports regarded as suspected are all other South American and West Indian ports as well as those of Central America and Mexico, with the exception of the following Islands, to wit: Ruatan, Bonacco, Utilla, Truxillo and Swan Island, but vessels from the last named, with PASSENGERS ABOARD, will be subjected to such detention as the Board of Health may prescribe in each case on arrival at the Quarantine Station. All vessels, together with their ballast, crews, passengers, baggage and freight under the first-class will on arrival at Quarantine Station, be subjected to thorough disinfection and then detained ten days.

All vessels, together with their ballast, crews, passengers, baggage and freight under the second-class will, on arrival at Quarantine Station, be subjected to thorough disinfection and then detained five (5) days.

No vessel under the third-class will be allowed in our bay until after frost in this section or until the master produces a certificate that his vessel, together with ballast, crew, passengers, baggage and freight have been subjected to improved MARITIME SANITATION, after which they will be detained at Quarantine Station for such time as the Board of Health may prescribe.

Any vessel not from an infected place, but bringing ballast, crew, passengers, baggage or freight from an infected place, will be included with those of the second-class, and will be treated accordingly, unless the master can produce certificate that said ballast, crew, passengers, baggage and freight have undergone quarantine restrictions in accordance with improved methods.

The restrictions herein proclaimed are subject to change, at the option of the Board of Health, to meet particular cases.

Attest: JOS. C. RICH, Mayor.

JNO. F. SUMMERSELI, City Clerk.

For the guidance and general information of all citizens, masters and officers of vessels subject to Quarantine Regulations, the following ordinance governing quarantine matters, as it stands now in full force and effect, is now published:

ARTICLE IX—QUARANTINE.

SECTION 22. *Be it Ordained.* That there shall be established a strict system of quarantine to be enforced against all vessels arriving in the Bay of Mobile, from any port or place where "yellow," "malignant," or "pestilential," or "infectious" fever, or other infectious or dangerous disease is prevailing.

Or having any person on board suffering from such disease.

That this article shall only be in force when so proclaimed from time to time by the Mayor, with the advice of the Board of Health, and every proclamation shall define the length of time that it shall continue in force, but no action shall be taken by him unless authorized by a resolution of this Board.

SEC. 23. That the Board of Health shall elect a Quarantine Physician, and report the same to this Board, who shall proceed to the execution of his duties. He shall receive such salary or compensation as the corporate authorities may from time to time determine. Provided, that the salary of said Physician shall not commence until quarantine has been proclaimed.

That such attendants and employees as may be required at the station shall be employed when authority be given by resolution of this Board.

SEC. 24. That it shall be the duty of the Physician to attend at the quarantine station.

To board all vessels entering the bay or harbor of Mobile as soon as practicable after their arrival, between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

To fully examine into the condition of the vessel and cargo, and the health of all persons therein.

To examine as many of such persons on board, under oath, to learn and obtain any facts that he may deem essential and necessary.

To detain all vessels coming from any infected port or place, or that has any case or disease described in the first section of this article, on board, the cargo, and every person on board, for any length of time that he may deem necessary or expedient.

To direct such measures to be taken as may be necessary to purify the vessel, and supervise the same at the expense of the captain, owner or consignee of the vessel.

To direct the discharge of any cargo, or portion thereof, and supervise the same, at the expense of the captain, owner or consignee of the vessel.

To remove any person from any vessel who may be sick of any malignant or infectious fever or disease, to the Quarantine Hospital; and it shall be his duty to give his professional services to said person. The expense of the removal to be at the cost of the vessel.

To sign all permits for vessels and persons to pass the quarantine.

And all discharges for vessels and persons leaving the quarantine: without which no vessel or person shall be permitted to leave or pass the quarantine station.

And any person violating any of the quarantine regulations, he or owner and captain, together with the vessel to which he may belong, shall be fined such sum as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 25. That it is the duty of every person acting as a pilot, or revenue or boarding officer of the Custom House, to deliver to the officer in charge of every vessel coming into the Bay of Mobile a copy of these

regulations, or so much as may be wanted for the use of the vessel, of which the Mayor shall have a sufficient number of copies printed.

During the existence of the quarantine all pilots and other persons having charge of vessels entering the Bay of Mobile shall bring such vessels to anchor at the quarantine station, and no vessel shall leave such anchorage until it shall have been boarded by the Quarantine Physician and shall have received permission from him to do so.

Every pilot or other person violating this section shall be fined such sum as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 26. That all persons who may receive medical treatment under this ordinance, shall pay, for the use of the City, five dollars for each day of such treatment.

And where the person so treated shall be unable to pay the charge, the captain, owner or consignee of the vessel to which he may belong, shall pay the same.

SEC. 27. The word vessel wherever used in this ordinance, shall extend to boats, steamers and water crafts of every description.

SEC. 28. That no vessel shall take on or discharge the cargo of any vessel at quarantine, without a written permit from the Quarantine Physician, under such penalty as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars, on the owner, consignee, or person in charge.

SEC. 29. That the Mayor and Board of Health, when the public health may require it, may order any vessel at the wharves of the City, or in the vicinity thereof, to the quarantine station, and may require all persons, articles or goods, introduced into the Port from such vessels, to be seized, returned on board, or removed to the quarantine station.

If the owner, master, consignee or person having charge of such vessel, fails or neglects to obey such requirements, each of them shall be fined such sum as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars.

And if he cannot be found, or if he neglects or fails to remove the vessel, the Mayor and the Board of Health shall have the power to cause such removal at the expense of the vessel.

This ordinance applies to vessels lying at anchor in the Bay of Mobile and not performing quarantine.

That the Harbor Master and Port Wardens of Mobile shall notify the Mayor or Captain of Police, in writing, of any infraction of this article that shall come to their knowledge.

And it shall be their duty to see that in every instance, vessels arriving at the wharves of the City shall have a proper permit signed by the Quarantine Physician, giving him liberty to pass the quarantine station.

Any vessel failing to have such a permit, shall not be allowed to remain at or in the vicinity of the wharf, but shall at once be ordered to the quarantine station.

The Harbor Masters or Port Wardens, failing to give prompt notice of any violation of this section, shall be fined such sum as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 30. That two cents per ton, according to the registered tonnage of each vessel, shall be established as the quarantine fee for all vessels entering the City of Mobile, and that the master, owner or consignee thereof, is hereby required to pay the same to the City Clerk. Such tonnage fees shall be paid within five days after arrival of the vessel in port, under such penalty as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars for each day's neglect or refusal to pay the same.

And it shall be the duty of the Port Wardens to report to the City Clerk the arrival of every vessel and the name of the master liable to pay these fees, and if they neglect to make such reports, they shall be subject to such fine as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars.

SEC. 31. Quarantine Rules and Regulations for the City of Mobile:

RULE I. The Quarantine Station shall be on Mobile Point, in the rear or north of Fort Morgan, or such other place as the corporate authorities may from time to time determine.

RULE II. The Quarantine Physician, under the direction of the Board of Health, shall in every instance, determine the length of time that a vessel shall remain at quarantine, and the time that all persons on board such vessels shall remain at quarantine.

RULE III. It shall be the duty of pilots, or other persons bringing a vessel into the Bay of Mobile to hoist a flag at half-mast at the fore, until the vessel has been visited by the Quarantine Physician.

RULE IV. No person shall leave a vessel nor visit a vessel at quarantine without a written permit to do so by the Quarantine Physician.

RULE V. The Quarantine Physician shall make a monthly report on the first day of every month to the Board of Health and General Council, of the number and class of vessels quarantined.

The number of patients treated at the quarantine hospital.

The amount of fees collected, and all other information connected with the station as may be necessary and proper.

RULE VI. All vessels at quarantine shall keep a flag at half-mast at the main, during the day, and the lantern at the same position at night.

RULE VII. Any violation of these rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine in such sum as the Mayor may impose, not exceeding fifty dollars.

Any person coming into the City of Mobile by land from any place infected with a contagious disease, whether such person come by rail road or other mode of conveyance, may be compelled to perform quarantine by the Health Officer of said City, and restrained from travelling until discharged, and any railroad train coming from any such infected place, carrying freight, or other goods, wares or merchandise, may be required to perform quarantine, and may be prohibited from entering said City without a permit from the Health Officer.

The following sections of the Revised Code of Alabama relative to quarantine matters, are hereby also published for the benefit of all parties concerned.

§ 1214. (963). **VESSELS QUARANTINED.**—The Health Officer of such town may, under direction of the corporate authorities, cause any vessel arriving therein or in the vicinity, if the vessel or cargo is, in his opinion, so foul or infected as to endanger the public health, to be removed to the quarantine ground or other proper place, to be purified.

§ 1215. (961). **REFUSAL OF INFORMATION TO HEALTH OFFICER; PENALTY.** If any master, seaman or passenger, belonging to any vessel supposed to have any infection on board or from a port where any dangerous infectious disease prevails, refuses to answer on oath such inquiries as are made by any Health officer, relating to any infection or disease, he is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction must be fined not less than one hundred dollars.

§ 1216. (965). **BREACH OF QUARANTINE; PENALTY.**—The master of any vessel ordered to perform quarantine, must deliver to the officer appointed to see it performed, his bill of health and manifest, log book and journal; if he fails so to do, or to repair in proper time, after notice, to the quarantine ground, or depart thence without authority, he is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction must be fined not less than two hundred dollars.

§ 1217. (966). **ESCAPES FROM QUARANTINE.**—If any person ordered to perform quarantine escapes, any justice, on complaint thereof, on oath, must issue his warrant to the sheriff, constable or town marshal, to arrest and deliver such person to the custody of the officers of the quarantine; and any such person attempting to escape, may be forcibly detained at the place of quarantine by such officers,

§ 1218. (967). **TRAVELERS BY LAND FROM INFECTED DISTRICTS MAY BE COMPELLED TO PERFORM QUARANTINE; BREACH; PENALTY.**—Any person coming into town, by land, from a place infected with a contagious disease, may be compelled to perform quarantine by the Health Officer, and restrained from traveling until discharged; and any person thus restrained, travelling before he is discharged, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction must be fined not less than one hundred dollars.